

BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Order Instituting Rulemaking on the
Commission's Proposed Policies and Programs
Governing Post-2003 Low-Income Assistance
Programs

Rulemaking 04-01-006

**ASSIGNED COMMISSIONER'S RULING
INVITING APPLICATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT TO
THE LOW INCOME OVERSIGHT BOARD**

Public Utilities Code § 382.1 establishes a Low-Income Oversight Board (LIOB) to advise the California Public Utilities Commission (Commission) on low-income electric, gas, and water customer issues. The LIOB serves as a liaison for the Commission to low-income ratepayers and representatives. On September 15, 2006, the term for one of the public positions on the LIOB comes to an end. By this Ruling, I hereby invite any individual who is interested in applying for this position to submit a letter of interest and a resumé, including references.

The LIOB is comprised of 11 members. The open position is held by one of five members selected by the Commission who have expertise in the low-income community and who are not affiliated with any state agency or utility. This position is for a two-year term from the date of appointment by the Commission.

As set forth in Public Utilities Code § 382.1, the responsibilities of the LIOB are to:¹

1. Monitor and evaluate implementation of all programs provided to low-income electricity, gas, and water customers.
2. Assist in the development and analysis of any assessments of low-income customer need.
3. Encourage collaboration between state and utility programs for low-income electricity and gas customers to maximize the leverage of state and federal energy efficiency funds to both lower the bills and increase the comfort of low-income customers.
4. Provide reports to the Legislature, as requested, summarizing the assessment of needs, audits, and analysis of program implementation.
5. Assist in streamlining the application and enrollment process of programs for low-income electricity and natural gas customers with general low-income programs, including, but not limited to, the Universal Lifeline Telephone Service (ULTS) program and, including compliance with Section 739.1.
6. Encourage the usage of the network of community service providers in accordance with Section 381.5.

The LIOB holds 4 to 5 meetings annually with additional meetings and/or conference calls as necessary. The LIOB alternates meeting locations between northern, central and southern California. Members of the LIOB are eligible for compensation in accordance with the state's travel guidelines.

Upon receipt and review of the applications, we will select candidates to be interviewed. The application process for final applicants will include a review of economic interests. We encourage applicants to refer to

¹ All statutory references are to the Public Utilities Code, unless otherwise noted.

<http://www.fppc.ca.gov/forms/700-05-06/Form700-05-06.pdf> prior to submitting a letter of interest, to determine if potential conflicts of interest may exist. The nominee must be approved by the full Commission.

Therefore, **IT IS RULED** that:

Individuals interested in being appointed to the Low Income Oversight Board must submit an original and three copies of a letter of interest and a resumé, including references, by no later than July 31, 2006 to:

Kelly A. Hymes
Advisor to Commissioner Dian Grueneich
California Public Utilities Commission
505 Van Ness Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dated June 30, 2006, at San Francisco, California.

/s/ DIAN M. GRUENEICH

Dian M. Grueneich
Assigned Commissioner

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that I have by mail this day served a true copy of the original attached Assigned Commissioner's Ruling Inviting Applications for Appointment to the Low Income Oversight Board on all parties of record in this proceeding or their attorneys of record.

Dated June 30, 2006 at San Francisco, California.

/s/ DAVID NG

David Ng

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